

The City of Mt. Angel Newsletter



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Henrietta Saalfeld, In Memoriam

The morning of July 30 brought the sad news of Henrietta Saalfeld's passing. Just a few short months before, Henrietta, with the help and support of the entire Saalfeld family, completed her final contribution to the city that she loved. The house and property that held many happy memories for her throughout her lifetime, was donated to the City of Mt. Angel to become the Saalfeld Family Park.

It was her wish that people throughout the community could enjoy the place that she called home for so many years. The rest of the family agreed and so on March 5, 2010, a small ceremony was held in which Henrietta relinquished the keys to Mayor Rick Schiedler.

Henrietta was fully immersed in the social fabric of Mt. Angel during her lifetime, whether it be work, community service, or play. Aside from her work at the bank, she was also involved in numerous organizations within the City. She left an indelible impression on the lives of many of the local residents. It is difficult to say goodbye, but Henrietta serves as an example of a life well lived.

**In honor of the memory of Henrietta Saalfeld,
November 12, 1917-July 30, 2010.**

Memorial donations can be made to the Henrietta Saalfeld Scholarship Fund; Mt. Angel Community Foundation, P.O. Box 881, Mt. Angel 97362.



WATER, WATER, WATER.....

Water has been on the minds of City staff this past month. Several things are happening in the Water Department that we would like to share with you. First of all, the update on the Water Systems Master Plan & Water Management and Conservation Plan is nearing completion! This plan was funded by Community Development Block Grant funding in 2007. It guides the City's decision making about Water infrastructure and services for the next 20 years. It is also the basis through which the City can apply for funding to make upgrades and additions to the water system. Copies of the new water plan are available to view at City Hall.

The Department of Water Conservation is directed to help people learn of the variety of ways that are available to conserve water use. They have created several pamphlets that discuss conservation methods for the average household. That information is now available on the City's website on the Public Works page. There is information from helping you find hidden leaks in your household water lines to ways of watering your garden more efficiently. If you have additional questions, there is contact information provided or you may always call the City for additional assistance.

CITY CLEAN-UP DAYS

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 9-12
Attendant will be available 9am - 4pm on Sat & Sun

Allied Waste will be providing large containers for recycling of yard debris and tree trunks less than 6" in diameter; untreated wood; and metal. Large appliances may be recycled for a \$25 fee.

Corner of Cleveland and Church Streets by the City Parking Lot. Must show driver's license.

Code Enforcement

The City and Police Department would like to inform the community as to how code enforcement is being handled now. At this time, code enforcement issues are being handled by the Mt. Angel Police Department.

There are many aspects to code enforcement and the Council has asked that it be handled largely as a complaint driven mechanism. However, at certain times the officers may focus their efforts in reminding citizens of the ordinances that are in place in the City.

The citizens of Mt. Angel enjoy the unique, quaint environment in the City, so in the past ordinances have been passed to encourage residents to keep their yards mowed and free of weeds and items that are unsightly. Trash cans should also be stored away on the evening of garbage pick-up.

Please also be aware of time limits in the parking zones downtown. Businesses rely on the ability of customers to access their establishment. The downtown is also a skateboard and bike free area. Please remember to walk your equipment through this area.

Pet owners should remember their responsibility to look out for the behavior and public cleanliness of their pets.

Questions or complaints are received either by the police department directly or at City Hall. The City's Code of Ordinances is also listed online on the City website.

CONTACT THE CITY

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Water Billing	503-845-9291
Police Department	503-845-9294
Public Works	503-845-6260
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Library	503-845-6401
Library Website	www.mountangel.plinkit.org

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WATER, WATER, WATER (cont.)....

Cloudy, colored water is occasionally a problem for the citizens of Mt. Angel. Many of the waterlines are large cast iron pipes that were installed as the water system was developed in Mt. Angel. There are also many areas of town where the waterline dead ends. Since the water does not continue to flow freely, residents and buildings at the end of the line may experience the buildup of sediments and minerals (that naturally occur in water). This buildup may cause the water to become cloudy or colored. Minerals such as iron, manganese, sodium, and copper are largely responsible for these changes. While this is not a health issue, it can be a nuisance.

City crews flush lines on a regular basis to try and keep the water clear. You may also flush your household or business lines by letting the water run through them. If you continue to experience problems, especially if your water is brown or reddish in color, the problem may stem from your interior plumbing. Over time galvanized steel pipes begin to corrode and deteriorate. A plumber can help you determine if it is time to change some of the plumbing in your home. Additionally, households with water softeners will want to occasionally have them inspected as there can be buildup in the water softeners that cause an unpleasant smell of rotting eggs.

Occasionally, work that involves the City water lines will also stir up sediment in the water. The City makes efforts to try and notify customers of anticipated work by the City. Occasionally, work occurs on the lines that the City is notified of in so short a time we are unable to contact customers.

If you have any questions concerning your water the City will be glad to assist you.

School time again....

As summer draws to a close, it is time once again for our children to head back to the classroom for another year of learning. Please be aware of their safety as they travel to and from school. Driving cautiously around children walking or riding their bikes to school; following the signals on the school buses; and obeying school speed zones will help ensure that everyone arrives at school and home safely. If your children are walking or riding to school, please make them aware of safety rules as well!